

## ADVANCEMENT OF PEACE: APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION

*Exchange of notes at Washington June 1, 1916, amending treaty of  
September 20, 1913*

*Entered into force June 1, 1916*

Treaty Series 598-B

*The Secretary of State to the Guatemalan Minister*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON, June 1, 1916

SIR:

It not having been found possible to complete the International Commission provided for in the Treaty of September 20, 1913,<sup>1</sup> between the United States and Guatemala, looking to the advancement of the general cause of peace, within the time specified in the treaty and extended by the notes exchanged between us on November 3, 1915,<sup>2</sup> I have the honor to suggest, for the consideration of your Government, that the time within which the organization of the Commission may be completed be extended by an exchange of notes from January 1, 1916, to July 1, 1916.

Your formal notification in writing of the same date as this that your Government receives the suggestion favorably, will be regarded on this Government's part as sufficient to give effect to the extension, and I shall be glad to receive your assurance that it will be so regarded by your Government also.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

ROBERT LANSING

Señor DON JOAQUÍN MÉNDEZ,  
*Minister of Guatemala.*

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<sup>1</sup> TS 598, *ante*, p. 491.

<sup>2</sup> TS 598-A, *ante*, p. 494.

*The Guatemalan Minister to the Secretary of State*

LEGACION DE GUATEMALA  
WASHINGTON. *June 1st, 1916*

YOUR EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note of this morning referring to it not having been found possible to complete the International Commission provided for in the Treaty of September 20, 1913 between the United States and Guatemala, looking to the advancement of the general cause of peace, within the time specified in the treaty and extended by the notes exchanged between Your Excellency and myself on November 3, 1915, and suggesting that the time within which the organization of the Commission may be completed be extended by an exchange of notes from January the 1st, 1916, to July 1st, 1916.

I beg to inform Your Excellency that Your Excellency's suggestion has been favorably received by my Government and that therefore with Your Excellency's Government's acquiescence through this exchange of notes we consider the time, for the completion of the said International Commission, extended until July 1, 1916.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration and respect.

JOAQUÍN MÉNDEZ

His Excellency

ROBERT LANSING

*Secretary of State of the United States of America.*

*Etc., etc., etc.*

*Washington, D.C.*